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LEGISLATURE.

An Avalanche of Petitions in the State Senate.

A Large Number of Bills Introduced in Both Houses.

Last Day for the Introduction of New Business.

Both Houses Adjourn Until Evening.

FROM MADISON.

Special dispatch to the Janesville Gazette. 11 MADISON, Wis., Feb. 12.

SENATE.

A regular avalanche of petitions for the passage of a constitutional amendment prohibiting the liquor traffic in the State, and remonstrances against the bill passing for the abolition of Bible reading in the public schools were presented.

Bills were introduced, Memorial to Congress praying for the levy of income tax.

Presenting license monies to be paid by insurance companies and exempting their personal property from taxation.

Relating to State officers. Concerning rate of interest.

Appropriating one thousand dollars to each sectarian charitable institution in Milwaukee city, and two hundred and fifty to each of those in Racine and Green Bay.

Relative to justices' fees. Modifying laws relative to assessment and collection of taxes providing for agricultural statistics.

Bills were passed appropriating \$1,000 to the Northern Wisconsin Agricultural Society and \$2,000 to the State Agricultural Society.

Providing for the publication by the State printer, of the legislative manual.

ASSEMBLY.

Joint resolutions were introduced relating to the general law incorporating villages.

For the repeal of the National Bank Act and substitution of United States notes for present bank currency.

For the repeal of resumption act. In favor of income tax.

To amend the Constitution to dispense with unanimous verdicts by justices.

Bills were introduced relating to common schools.

Fixing the time for the completion of the geological survey.

Concerning the publication of legal votes.

Relating to hawkers and peddlers. Concerning death notices in newspapers.

Relative to the punishment of bribery. To protect depositors in National and private banks.

Relative to revised statutes and classification of the same.

For a State park in Wisconsin. Amending laws on deer hunting.

Concerning foreclosures of mortgages. Relative to prisons and common jails.

Concerning town insurance companies. Relative to highways and bridges.

Relative to county officers. Both houses adjourned until evening, being the last day for the introduction of new business.

Madison, Feb. 11.—A large number of bills were introduced in both houses today. Among the most important in the Senate were the following: Relating to the publication of Supreme Court decisions; relating to attachment; relating to the release of dower; concerning offense against property; providing for executions for the erection of an insane asylum at La Crosse for Chronic Insane; for the establishment of a boulevard in Milwaukee.

ICE HARVEST.

Jackson, Mich., Feb. 11.—The thermometer was eight degrees below at 5 o'clock this morning, and two degrees below at 7 o'clock. The ice men are getting now ten inches thick—eight solid and two snow ice.

A SUGGESTION.

Washington, Feb. 11.—Wm. E. Chandler thinks that if the administration is disposed it can be of incalculable assistance to the Returning Board. He says, let the President send two eminent lawyers like Caleb Cushing and James F. Wilson, of Iowa, to New Orleans to demand a change of venue from the State to the United States courts, on the ground that the Nichols government is a usurpation. Mr. Chandler says those prosecuting the board would run when that question is raised, for no matter if the Nichols government is a government of presidential recognition, its validity will not stand the test in a United States court.

OBITUARY.

Death of Gideon Welles, Lincoln's Navy Secretary.—Charles M. Conrad, Fillmore's War Secretary.

Hartford Conn., Feb. 11.—The Hon. Gideon Welles, ex-Secretary of the Navy, died this evening from the effects of a carbuncle, which had confined him to the house for about two weeks.

New Orleans, La., Feb. 11.—The Hon. Charles M. Conrad, in progression a member of Congress, United States Senator, and Secretary of War under President Fillmore, died here to-day, aged 73.

JUDGE WHITTAKER.

Washington, Feb. 11.—Judge Whittaker, of Louisiana, before whom Anderson is tried, is himself guilty of crime, and has never been punished. In 1866 he was made Assistant Treasurer at New Orleans by President Johnson, and one year after was found to be a defaulter to the amount

of \$1,000,000. John Jay Knox, present, Comptroller of the Currency, was sent down to investigate him, and succeeded in recovering about one-half of that amount which he found concealed in a strong box in Whittaker's possession. In this box was a certified check for \$30,000, and notes, bonds, drafts and gold amounting to nearly \$500,000. The balance is said to have been lost by him in gold speculations. He was indicted and tried before a rebel jury, which, notwithstanding positive and direct evidence against him without leaving their seats, and the government was about half a million dollars short for his one year's service.

A MANIAC'S TRICK.

Florence, Feb. 11.—After a funeral service for King Victor Emmanuel on Saturday, an Orani bomb was thrown among the returning crowd. Five persons were slightly wounded. The police with difficulty prevented the lynching of the person who threw the bomb, who is probably insane.

THE WALKISTE.

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 11.—Miss Bertha Von Hillera began her eighty-nine mile walk in twenty-six hours at Old City Hall at 8 o'clock this evening. She completed the first ten miles in an hour and fifty-eight minutes.

OVERLOOKED.

Washington, Feb. 11.—The President today nominated Ben Spooner for a fourth term as United States Marshal of Indiana. He has already had the office for twelve years, and there was considerable opposition to his reappointment, which the President thought best to overlook.

TEMPERANCE.

Champaign, Ill., Feb. 11.—John McCullough, one of the Irish orators who have excelled such a wonderful Murphy movement in this city, left here to-day to engage in a similar work at Decatur.

He received a warm vote of thanks for his labors here, and at the close of last night's meeting hundreds of people pressed forward to bid him farewell. A handsome sum of money was raised, as a testimonial to him and to James Dunn, his co-laborer, who remains here for the present. The work increases in interest.

THE SILVER BILL.

Washington, Feb. 11.—After the morning hour, Mr. Davis, of West Virginia, Mr. Saulsbury, and Mr. Coke read manuscript speeches in favor of the Bland bill to empty treasuries, and this constituted the day's proceedings. At one time during Davis' speech six Senators were in their seats, and five of them were busily engaged in correspondence. Davis addressed himself with undiminished earnestness to his colleague, Mr. Herford, who manifested a paternal spirit, and listened with apparent interest to very stale speech.

IMPENDING CRISIS.

A Political Crisis Impending—A Change in the Southern Policy—The Statement Sent Out by Secretary Sherman.

Washington, Feb. 11.—A political crisis is impending, and before many days it is very probable that there will be a radical change in the policy of President Hayes toward the South, at least so far as Louisiana is concerned. The President and the entire Cabinet are very much wrought up by the trial and conviction of General Anderson, and make no attempt to conceal their feelings.

The statement sent out by Secretary Sherman today not alone the assurance of his own mind, but the opinion of the entire Cabinet and the President himself. The latter has written a letter to Attorney General Devens, in which some suggestions and expressions of opinion are made that will be very acceptable to the North. The letter has not yet been given out for publication, and may not be, for it contains some instructions in regard to the use of the legal arm of the government in defense of the Returning Board, but it breathes a spirit altogether different from that which has characterized the President's utterances previous to this time. The President regards the Louisiana prosecutions as the final test of the wisdom of his policy, and if the action of the Southern people does not realize his expectations now he will feel that his advances have not been met in a proper spirit, and that conciliation is, to use a slang phrase, "played out."

The School Book bill is quietly slumbering in the hands of the Committee. It will do good service by continuing to slumber.

The President has appointed Hon. S. T. Merrill, of Beloit, one of the Honorary Commissioners to the Paris Exposition.

The Secretary of State's Private Office.

From here we may pass into one of the most delightful rooms in the building, the private office of our national Prime Minister.

Three broad windows look out upon a southern portico and down upon the placid Potomac. The drapery matches the frescoes upon the walls—Egyptian figures in gray chocolate and gilt, traced upon a pearl ground—and the foot falls upon another of those wonderful hand-made Oriental rugs in which colors blend into artistic combination, and thus adapt themselves to almost any style of decoration. Portraits of several of our Presidents, in various sittings, ornament the room; and at the mass, silver central table sits the Secretary of State.

At a desk upon one side of the apartment, sits his private secretary. Upon the opposite side a door swings into a less pretentious but equally well furnished and cheerful room, the office of the Assistant Secretary of State. Upon the walls are pictures—a photograph of the American members of the Geneva Tribunal, also a photograph of the English members of the same tribunal, and portraits of the Assistant Secretaries who have filled this office since its creation in 1853. Among them is that of the present Second Assistant Secretary of State, William Hunter, whose knowledge of the workings of the department is more thorough than that of any other man in the country. He has been employed in the department nearly half a century, his first appointment dating May 23, 1829, this being the longest official career of any in connection with our national government.

—Martha J. Lamb, in Harper's Magazine for March.

ENGLAND'S ACTIVITY.

The Porte Refuses to Allow the British Fleet to Approach Constantinople.

And a Cabinet Council was Hastily Called in London.

Four Thousand Men Working Extra Hours in the Ship Yards.

Fitting out the Huge Iron-Clads for Service.

ENGLAND'S ACTIVITY.

A Cabinet Council—The English Fleet not allowed to Approach Constantinople—Activity at the English Ship Yards.

London, Feb. 11.—The Pall Mall Gazette says: "It was known in all the embassies in London this morning that the Porte had refused to allow the British fleet to approach Constantinople. A Cabinet council was hastily summoned this morning."

London, Feb. 11.—In consequence of an urgent order received at the Chatham Dock Yard from the Admiralty to-day, the whole force, numbering 4,000 men, will begin working extra hours to complete the vessels on hand.

London, Feb. 13.—The orders sent to Chatham for all dock-yard hands to work over time has caused some excitement. Such an order has not been known since the Crimean war. Vessels preparing for sea at Chatham are the iron-clads Monarch, 8,322 tons; Northampton, 7,323 tons; and Penelope, 4,394 tons, besides several large unarmored vessels.

More hands were engaged yesterday for all departments of the Woolwich Arsenal and Portsmouth and Devonport dock yards.

The regiment which was under orders to leave Plymouth for Aldershot has been directed to remain at Plymouth and hold itself in readiness for other movements.

Evenings at the White House.

The President and family receive informally in the evenings, sometimes in the Red Room, and sometimes in the Library. These visits, however, are only made by intimate personal friends, or by those warranted through their acquaintance to call in a social manner. The evening in the Library are very charming. Brilliant and cultivated men and women gather in little knots in different parts of the spacious and cheerful apartment, and wit sparkling and anecdotal conversations are going on. The President frequently disappears; he has a private library, when any gentleman present wishes to speak to him on any matter of policy or politics; but he soon returns, to all appearances as unruffled as if the sea of public opinion had settled into a perfect calm. Mrs. Hayes entertains her visitors in an easy, courteous, cordial manner, moving among them with stately grace, and scattering pleasant words. Great gentleness and sweetness pervade the whole domestic life of the President's family. Little Fannie the only daughter, a bright child of nine years, the pet and favorite of all who know her, is never visible at dinner or to evening visitors. "I am obliged to compromise with my little lady," remarked Mrs. Hayes, with a smile, "as I found her growing old too fast for her years; we serve her dinner in her room, which she esteems a high compliment." The private dining-room of the President's family is the only one of their private apartments which is on the great main floor of the White House. The meals are breakfast, lunch and dinner, instead of breakfast, dinner and tea, as in the time of Madison. No unusual forms and ceremonies are observed in the service further than those of any gentleman's table. The hospitalities of either lunch or dinner are frankly tendered to any familiar guest who may chance to be calling at the specified hour, and not infrequently accepted.—Harper's Magazine for March.

Hard Times' Diversions in the Country.

From the Washington (Pa.) Observer.

A stranger did some cool swindling on Saturday afternoon in front of the courthouse. He mounted a store box and taking a piece of paper in the palm of his hand he tossed into it several articles, among which were several half dollars, and rolled the package up. "Now," said he, "who will give me a dollar for this? I will tell you what it is in. A brass chain worth 12 and one-half cents, a brass collar button that would be worth a dollar if it was gold, a pair of silver buttons worth ten cents and three pennies." Then the bystanders would walk up and give a dollar for the package, thinking to get the half dollars which he secretly removed, and find out the man had told the truth and the package was worth about twenty-five cents. He made quite a number of sales, ending each one with the remark, "sold again." It is strange people can be taken in by such bare-faced trickery.

Re-Opening a Thoroughfare.

In order to guard against results utterly subversive to health, it is absolutely essential that the grand thoroughfare or avenue of the system, the bowels, should be re-opened as speedily as possible when they become obstructed. If they are not, the bile is misdirected into the blood; the liver becomes torpid; vicarious matters get into the stomach, and produce indigestion; headaches ensue, and other symptoms are produced, which a prolongation of the existing cause only tends to aggravate. The special properties of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters constitute a most useful agent in overcoming constriction of the bowels, and promoting a regular habit of body. It is infinitely superior to the drastic cathartics frequently used for the purpose, since it does not, like them, act violently, but produces a natural painless effect, which does not impair the tone of the evacuator organs, which it invigorates instead of weakening. The stomach and liver also, indeed the entire system is strengthened regulated by it.

German Syrup.

No other medicine in the world was ever given such a test of its curative qualities as Boech's German Syrup. In three years two million four hundred thousand small bottles of this medicine were distributed free of charge, by druggists in this country to those afflicted with Consumption, Asthma, Croup, severe Coughs, Pneumonia, and other diseases of the Throat and Lungs, giving the American people undeniable proof that German Syrup will cure them. The result has been that druggists in every town and village in the United States are recommending it to their customers. Go to your druggist, and ask what they know about it. Sample Bottles 10 cents. Regular size 75 cents. Three doses will relieve any case.

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LOCAL MATTERS.

Ladies and Gents will always find the nicest and cheapest Box and Staple Stationery in the city and Sutherland's Bookstore, No 29 Main street. 76mar20daw

Dr. Marshall's Lung Syrup speaks for itself. It seems everybody recommends it as the most reliable remedy for Coughs, Colds and Pulmonary complaints. Price 25 cents. Sold by E. B. Helmsstreet. feb1dawiw

Dr. S. Coburn, of Madison, will be at the Edwards house, on Monday, Feb. 11, 1878

BRIEFLETS.

—B-1 S-w:
—Council of the Council to-night.
—Stop the last driving over the bridges.
—Presbyterian social at J. B. Carle's this evening.

—Only one more day in which to get your valentines ready.
—Six tramps were provided with lodging at the jail last night.
—It looks like winter to see the cutters cutting down the street.

—Abraham Lincoln would have celebrated his sixty-ninth birthday if he had lived to see this morning's light.
—Burr Robbins wants two or three young grey horses suitable to break for the ring, to weigh about 1300 pounds each.

—Go to the Baptist Sunday school rooms to-morrow night, and see Dr. Palmer's exhibition. A tour in Europe for 10 cents.
—Owing to press of business in Madison Dr. Hyland cannot leave there for a few days. Due notice will be given when he will be here.

—Business men say that trade is showing more activity. The fellows who try to drive hogs through the street say that pork is unusually active.

—A special meeting of the Temple of Honor, will be held to-morrow evening, at 7 o'clock sharp, to take suitable action concerning the death of Mr. Kimball.

—The Baptist society held a meeting last evening but reached no definite conclusion concerning the pastoral question, the matter being laid over for another week.

—One tramp was given twenty days work by Justice Patten today, and will begin his task by clearing off the snow from the bridges and the Court House steps. The sun is helping him finish his stint.

—The many friends and admirers of Rev. Dr. Hodge, the former pastor of the Baptist church, will be glad to learn that he is expected to arrive in the city next Thursday and that he will probably occupy his old pulpit next Sunday.

—An effort is being made by the committee on the Mutual Improvement Club and the Round Table to secure three more lectures from Mrs. Abby Sage Richardson on literature. If they can sell the requisite number of tickets the lectures can be secured.

—Business is improving. F. E. Stevens' cigar box factory is running now nights as well as days, and even then, Mr. Stevens says it is hard work to keep up with the orders which are coming in. This indication of business prosperity is indeed encouraging.

—Complaint is made that the cisterns are running dry, and that there is no ice to be melted up on washing day. If there is too much rain folks grumble, and if too little they grumble about the cisterns. Bound to find fault either way, but Old India will have a hard time of it if the women get after him.

—A mad dog was seen on Milwaukee street to-day. He had just come to be mad, too. He slyly slipped up in front of Davies' store, and settling his teeth into a ham that was lying there, dragged it out into the middle of the street and was about making a breakfast of ham and eggs, with out the eggs, when an unsympathetic clerk took it away from him. No wonder he was mad.

—William Stewart thinks a man ought to be paid at least \$1,500 for being compelled to sit down on a red-hot stove, and has accordingly entered suit against Duncan Graham, placing the damages at those figures. Graham appeared to day before Justice Phelps in answer to the civil warrant issued against him, and gave bail for \$700 for his appearance. It will doubtless prove a red-hot case if pushed to an issue.

—Justice Patten after examining into the details of the Saturday night fracas in front of the express office, found two of Mike Watson's assistants guilty. He fined John Kelly \$15 for his part in the row, and kindly told him the city would take the debt out in hard work in the gravel pit. Dan White, another of the gang was fined \$25, to be paid in a similar manner. Thomas O'Brien who was also arrested on the same charge, was acquitted. The boys will leave Mike's horse alone after this.

THE WEATHER.

The thermometer this morning at 7 o'clock stood at 25 degrees and at 1 o'clock stood at 38 degrees above. Clear. A few inches of snow fell last night. One year ago at corresponding hours of the day the mercury stood at 10 degrees above and 27 degrees above.

The indications to-day are, increasing cloudiness with rain or snow, warm southerly, veering to colder northwest winds, falling followed by rising barometer.

HALF OF JANEVILLE.

John Griffiths has bought of Richard Smith, of Milton, the half interest in the late-byer "Janeville," and now rejoices in the sole ownership of that speedy nag. He proposes to keep him for a road horse. Mr. Griffiths, as part payment for Mr. Smith's interest turned over his fast pacer "Billy," but will still keep him and drive him, at least for the present. Janeville is now valued by his owner at about \$2,500. He is in prime condition, and to-day was put on the road inside of 2:30.

A BAD FALL.

Mrs. Ovid Reed, whose husband was for some time connected with the Davis house met with quite a serious accident one day last week near her home in Darien. The family were riding in a buggy, upon the back seat of which was seated Mrs. Davis. A bolt gave way and the seat became loosened, throwing Mrs. Davis backward out of the buggy to the ground. She struck almost directly on her head, and being a heavy woman, it seems almost a miracle that she was not instantly killed. As it was her injuries were very severe though they will not prove fatal. One ear was almost wholly covered from her head, and she received some other very severe cuts and bruises. She was rapidly recovering at last accounts.

A NEW STEAM HEATER.

A new invention in steam heating apparatus has been devised by Messrs. Libbey & Griewald, of this city. From what can be seen in the rather rudely constructed heater with which they have been experimenting, and from the statements of experts familiar with the subject, it seems that they have a decidedly novel and most marked improvement. It is designed to take the place of the ordinary heating stove for all purposes. It takes about the same room, at a trifle more cost, but at a great reduction of fuel, and furnishes all the well-known healthfulness of steam heat. A full sized heater is now being constructed which, as soon as completed, probably in ten days, will be placed on exhibition. The invention promises to be very successful.

TRYING TO REFORM.

The many citizens who are acquainted with Mr. D. Allen, who a short time ago visited Janesville, will be glad to learn that he has turned over a new leaf and is again talking in favor of temperance. The other evening he lectured at Stoughton on "Whisky and Hell." The Courier terms him a forcible, eloquent speaker, and says that his resolutions for the future were strong and apparently sincere. The hat was passed around and about \$20 raised to defray expenses. A few evenings afterwards Mr. Allen lectured again on "The Murderer, his Victims and Booty," and at the close of his talk presented his "legal" temperance pledge, to which he secured about forty signatures. It is to be hoped that Mr. Allen may now continue firm, and not again lose his grip.

ATTEMPTED ROBBERY.

Samuel Fathers, bartender for Wm. Sil-lito, was crossing Milwaukee street bridge last night about half-past 8 o'clock when he was suddenly assaulted by a party of roughs, numbering five, one of whom speedily thumped him behind the ear, while the other enthusiastically followed their leader in a general and quite severe drubbing. Fathers was knocked down and an attempt was then made to go through his pockets, but citizens coming to the rescue, they took to their heels without securing any plunder. The officers have been searching for the garrotters but thus far have been unable to secure any of them, Fathers not being able to identify his assailants. His bruises are not serious and he deems his escape a fortunate one.

A SUDDEN DEATH.

Death suddenly called him this morning Mr. J. K. Kimball. He arose about 5 o'clock this morning and complained of a strange feeling, which led him to fear that he was to be again struck by apoplexy, a slight shock of which was felt by him about ten days ago, from which he had almost wholly recovered. Friends did all that they could to relieve him, and Dr. Loomis was speedily sent for, but before the physician could reach the house death had made its sad visit. Mr. Kimball has been a resident of this city from about seven years, having come to this city from New England. He was an honored member of the Temple of Honor, and a constant attendant upon All Souls church. Besides the many friends and acquaintances who will mourn his loss, he leaves a sorrowing wife, one son, a dentist in New York city, and one daughter, the wife of Mr. George W. Wheeler. Mr. Kimball in a few days would have reached his seventy-fourth birthday.

THE M. I. C.

The M. I. C. last evening was instructive and vivacious as usual. Miss Angie King in Current Literature read an excellent review of Frothingham's Life of Gerrit Smith, which called forth some interesting reminiscences from those present who had known and felt Mr. Smith's power in life.

From the section of Minor Classics Mrs. Jones read an interesting paper on "The most bewitching and sunny of books," "The Attic Philosopher," by the Frenchman Emile Souvestre. This called forth remarks from Mr. Jones and others.

In the Dickens Section Miss Lizzie Allen served up the Hypocrites and Knaves of Dickens as such a manner as to provoke vigorous discussion of Rogues Real and Rogues Romantic, in which Mr. Baker, Mr. Fethers, Prof. Haire and others took part. The session closed in laying plans for obtaining the return of Mrs. Richardson. The matter was entrusted to a joint committee from the Round Table and the M. I. C. which will be heard from in due time.

JOHNSTOWN.

The names of the pupils in district No. 5, town of Johnstown, who have not been absent or tardy during the month ending February 15, are: Willie Vandenberg, Stanley Vandenberg, Willie Reynolds, Ernest Reynolds, Duane Hawthorn, George McWay, Mary J. McGregor, Ellen McGregor, Roy Cummings, Orrie Hawthorn.

Those present in department: James Lamb, Wallace Lamb, Ozio Briggs, Jose Kemp, Esther Kemp, Mary J. McGregor, Ellen McGregor, Willie Reynolds, Ernest Reynolds, Duane Hawthorn, Zula Kemp. Those whose standing in singing is 95 and over in the school of 100: Orlo G. Briggs, 100; Willie Vandenberg, 99; Mary Jane McGregor, 97; George McWay, 97; Ellen McGregor, 97; Stanley Vandenberg, 95; Zula Kemp, 95; Wallace Lamb, 96.

ROCK.

The donation which was held at the Baptist church for the benefit of the Rev. Mr. Roe, was largely attended. This gentleman has been quite sick, but is now improving.

—Michael Cole has had the misfortune to lose his cow.

—A surprise party was held at the house of Albert Merrill last Monday night.

—The other night one of our citizens spied a light in the window of his house, and knowing that the wife of his neighbor, supposed that it was the work of burglars. He armed himself with an ax and a few other dangerous weapons, and after sending for some young men, who happened to be near, he started upon his much-dreaded journey. On arriving he went cautiously to the door, and there it was open, but all was inky darkness within. Fearing to go in, he gave one unearthly yell, and started to run. "What is the matter?" On hearing this he stopped, and found to his great surprise that it was his son, waiting for him to come home. By this time the young men had arrived, and as soon as the old man regained his clearest strength in his knees, he was marched to the store and compelled to "set 'em up."

RED HOT READING.

The Annual Report of the Secretary of the Fire Department.

Interesting Reading Concerning the Work Done During 1877—Receipts and Expenditures.

Below is given an array of figures which should prove, and doubtless will prove of interest to most of the citizens and especially the tax-payers. It is the twelfth annual report of Mr. John C. Spencer, Secretary of the Fire Department. The report shows that the Department has increased wonderfully in efficiency and in promptness, and the record will compare favorably with that of any city in the west. There have been during the year 23 calls on the Department as compared with 18 last year. There were in Washington Engine Co. No. 1 only three absences and 273 attendances. Last year's report shows in the same company 4 absences and 212 attendances. In Water Witch Engine Co. No. 2, there were in 1877, 276 attendances and no absences, a marked improvement over the preceding year when with 209 in attendance there were six absences. In the Hook and Ladder Company there were in 1877, 305 attendances and 35 absences. In the year preceding in the same company were 249 attendances and 21 absences. The Sack Company's record shows for 1877, 370 attendances and 80 absences, the record for the year preceding showing 300 attendances and 60 absences. Since 1873 there have been 128 men enrolled of which number 62 are now in active service, including officers. Eleven were expelled, ten of whom were from the Hook & Ladder Company, and one from No. 1. The three absences

Henry W. Deasy, Chief Engineer: Sirs:—I herewith hand you a tabular statement of the operations of the Janesville Fire Department for the year 1877. The figures have been taken from the reports of the companies, and are given, time of day, and duration of service, together with the attendance of each company are given. There have been 1,230 attendances at fires, and 121 absences, classified as follows: Washington Engine Co. No. 1, 273 attendances and 4 absences; Water Witch Engine Co. No. 2, 276 attendances and no absences; Rescue Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1, 305 attendances and 35 absences; Sack Co. No. 1, 370 attendances and 80 absences. Rescue Hook and Ladder Co. has had 3 vacancies, and the Sack Co. 10 vacancies. In closing this, my twelfth annual report, I desire to tender my thanks to the officers and members of the department, one and all, for the many kind and noble deeds shown during my long retention of the Secretary's office.

Respectfully your obedient servant,
JOHN C. SPENCER, Secretary.

WASHINGTON ENGINE CO. NO. 1—TWELVE MEN.

MEMBERS.	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
J. F. Ehringer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wm. Brooks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
John Kelly	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
W. H. Briggs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
George M. Ehringer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
George Alrie	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
E. S. Van Buren	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
George Sheffer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Charles Carman	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
A. Egan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
A. Dresser	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
J. H. Dyer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

WATER WITCH ENGINE CO. NO. 2—TWELVE MEN.

MEMBERS.	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
M. A. Norris	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
John Robinson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
John C. Spencer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
John W. Tipton	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Charles Tait	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
John Slight	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
George Little	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ethan Allen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
James Foster	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lewis Trumble	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
N. Carlson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Elmer Main	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

RESCUE HOOK & LADDER CO. NO. 1—FIFTEEN MEN.

MEMBERS.	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
James Shearer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
F. Cunningham	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
William Knoff	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
M. Mallen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
W. Metcalfe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
W. Cunningham	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
N. B. Wing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
James Morris	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Martin Garity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
James Gagen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
John E. Bayland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wm. Trumble	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Thomas Mahon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
George McDougall	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
A. Deeming	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wm. Spicer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
F. Farrell	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

SACK COMPANY NO. 1—TWENTY MEN.

MEMBERS.	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
M. C. Smith	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
N. W. Smith	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
C. C. Crosby	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
J. W. Johnson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
J. A. Webb	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
J. M. Beckwith	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chas. Conrad	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
C. Miller	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
W. G. Wheelock	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
R. T. Vankirk	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
R. Richardson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hiram Merrill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
G. A. Lantry	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
S. B. Heintzel	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
John Griffiths	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
John Denison	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
M. M. Conant	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
B. F. Crowell	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
J. A. Denison	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
L. B. Carle	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
W. B. Britton	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Reference—0 Present—1 Absent.

January 11—9 p.m.; Residence corner South 3d and Bluff streets; owned by Mrs. Alden, and occupied by H. A. Baker; house partially lost, furniture total loss; on duty 3 hours.
January 15—5:45 p.m.; Farmers house saloon, East Milwaukee street; chimney fire, no damage; on duty 30 minutes.
January 25—7:30 p.m.; Ogden house, East Milwaukee street; caries handling of a fire kinder, no damage; on duty 30 minutes.
January 25—7:30 p.m.; Ogden house, East Milwaukee street; lamp explosion, damage slight; on duty 45 minutes.
February 1—8 p.m.; Schuyler house barn, Bluff street, and wing and roof the hotel, and roof of the Farmers hotel barn; the Schuyler house barn a total loss, hotel and Farmers hotel barn badly damaged; on duty 4 hours.
March 15—8:30 p.m.; Residence corner Dodge and Academy streets, owned by Dr. A. M. Mow, occupied by H. A. Baker; house nearly a total loss; on duty 2 hours and 15 minutes.
March 25—3 a.m.; Ogden house, East Milwaukee street; owned by Charles parties, and occupied as a boarding house; bedding on fire, damage to building nominal; to furniture slight; on duty 1 hour and 51 minutes.
April 3—9:45 p.m.; Smith & Jackson's block, corner East Milwaukee and Main streets, smoke from Todd's brewery; caused the alarm; on duty 15 minutes.
May 16—3:45 p.m.; Old postoffice building, East Milwaukee street; alarm caused by smoke from Todd's brewery; on duty 45 minutes.
August 17—1:30 a.m.; Fire in basement of Mitchell's block, corner West Milwaukee and Franklin streets; combustibles in lamp on fire; fire spread; on duty 1 hour and 20 minutes.
August 17—1:30 a.m.; Fire in building on Pearl street, owned by Charles Harrison, and occupied by him as a carpenter shop; alarm on duty 1 hour and 20 minutes.
September 1—11:30 p.m.; Residence on Franklin street, between Dodge and Pleasant streets, owned by Dr. A. M. Mow, and unoccupied; roof somewhat damaged by fire, and the building badly damaged by water; on duty 1 hour and 45 minutes.
October 2—7:30 p.m.; Small frame barn on Lincoln street, owned by Robert Money, damage slight; on duty 1 hour and 15 minutes.
October 11—10 p.m.; Fire alarm on North River street, caused by reflection from locomotive head light; on duty 1 hour and 15 minutes.
October 11—10 p.m.; Fire alarm on North River street, caused by reflection from locomotive head light; on duty 1 hour and 15 minutes.
October 13—10:30 p.m.; Fire alarm on North River street, caused by reflection from locomotive head light; on duty 1 hour and 15 minutes.
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